

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 District of South Dakota  
 Southern Division

20-4145

United States of America,  
 Plaintiff,

vs.

Lawrence A. Saffels,  
 Defendant.

CR 90-40038-01

Petition for writ of  
 Habeas Corpus  
 Under 28 U.S.C. § 7241

Defendant, seeks the court's forbearance for the informal nature and appearance of his petition.

Since, March of 2020, the BOP has imposed a mandatory COVID-19 virus lock-down and currently this prison is under total "no movement" from cell status. Petitioner's resources are therefore scant.

Upon receipt of the court's memorandum opinion and order (dated: November 4th 2019), the defendant has dutifully followed those instructions down a torturous MAZE in pursuit of an administrative remedy exhaustion. Anyone surviving the process, would feel exactly that way when done. I am however, happy to report that I have followed this down that WARREN and out the other side.

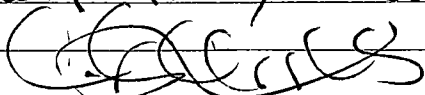
The court has clearly stated the issues under review and made factual findings which are relevant. After a recommendation of the U.S. probation office, the factual finding of the court was that I be given 153 days prior credit. The Supreme Court's vacate of the sentence under "Stinson", did not nullify the court's finding.

With application of prior jail credit, my release date should be November 25th 2020.

At my first sentencing, the Government sought a life sentence; Judge Jones rejected that as unwarranted and too harsh. The sentencing transcript shows that given my age at 42, he expected me to be released in my mid sixties. I am now 73 years old. The government is close to its wish.

I believe the interest of justice should mean something.

Respectfully Submitted:

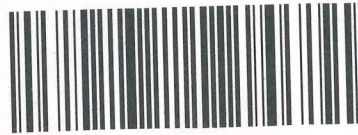


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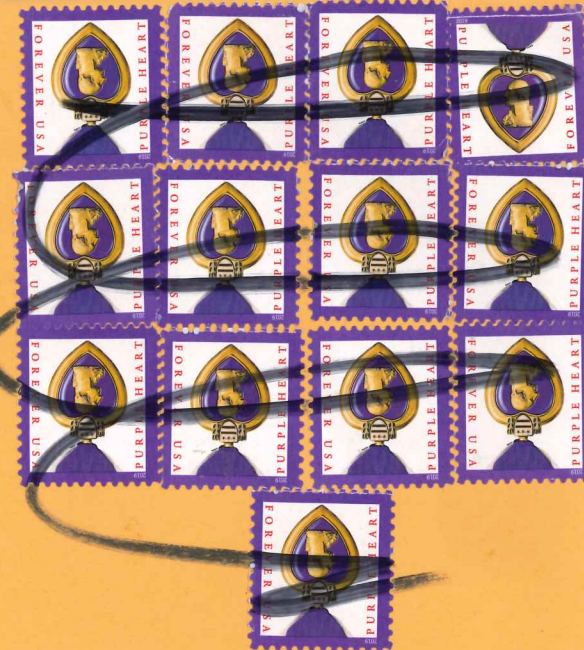
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